

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** 1189159 - Ty\_Lee.jpg

**Other known title(s):** 8-246392

**OFLC ref:** 1700473.008

**Medium:** Computer Image File

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** English

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

<b>Classification:</b>	Objectionable.
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**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 13 September 2017

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** 12 September 2017

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is a sexually explicit cartoon image depicting a group of characters from a different series within a popular television franchise, some of whom are young teenagers. It is deemed objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes. The image is intended for sexual arousal and gratification, and it encourages and legitimises interest in the subject matter. The digital format allows the image to be easily disseminated among likeminded people. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, the classification is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable.